

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

City of Duluth

## **PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM      FY 2016 Application Guidelines**

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### **PROGRAM GOAL**

To provide grant funds to make site improvements to facilities which serve the public in areas where more than 51% of the residents have low incomes or whose clientele meet the 51% low income guidelines. Certain projects, such as special assessments, must provide a direct benefit to clientele who have low incomes.

### **ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

Applicant must be a nonprofit organization or governmental unit (public department).

### **PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

Project properties must be either publicly owned or traditionally provided by the government, or owned by a nonprofit, and operated so as to be open to the general public. An application for a project which is publicly owned must have submitted and had approved a Public Facility Project Request Application Form to the City of Duluth Public Facilities before applying for CDBG funds. The facility must be made available to the general public and must be open for use by the general public during all normal hours of operation.

#### Activities not fundable under this category:

Operation or maintenance of public facilities/improvements

Purchase of construction equipment or furnishings

New construction of public housing

#### Types of Activities fundable under this category:

Special Assessments

Acquisition (including long term leases for periods of 15 years or more)

Demolition

Construction

Installation of utilities

Reconstruction

Rehabilitation (including removal of architectural barriers to accessibility)

### **LOCAL REQUIREMENTS**

For projects not on City-owned property there is a 25% match required.

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**Please contact the following staff person regarding questions on the application:**

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